Regulatory Body for Broadcasters

1954. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:
SHRI ABANI ROY:
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a discussion recently about the moral policing of the channels, government's stand in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has set up a Regulatory Body to have control on the broadcasters as regards its content;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) A proposal to introduce a suitable legislation for regulating content broadcast on electronic media is under consideration.

(b) No Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Provisions for check on advertisements

1955. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision prescribed by Government to be complied by the news channels to check the advertising codes, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the current provisions to be followed by the news channels as regard the programmes and advertising codes;

(d) whether it is a fact that every now and then we come across the channels exceeding the limits of self-restraint;

(e) if so, what way Government propose to cope with this problem;

(f) whether Government have formulated any principles of self-restraint to be followed by the foreign channels like Star; and